Centres	Groundnut OH		Mustard Oil		Vanaspati	
	20.11.95	20.10.95	20.11.95	20.10.95	20.11.95	20.10.95
Panaji	50.00	50.00	45.00	45.00	44.00	44.00
Calcutta	56.00*	56.00*	41.00	40.00	46.00	46.00
Bhubaneshwar	50.00	51.00	42.00	42.00	43.00	45.00
Agartala	N.R.	N.R.	42.00	40.00	43.00	43.00
Aizwall	46.00	48.00	45.00	48.00	N.R.	58.00
Guwahati	53.00	51.00	37.00	36.00	45.00	45.00
Shjllong	N.R.	N.R.	38.00	42.30	48.00	43.00
Madras	41.00	41.00	48.00	47.00	44.00	44.00
Hyderabad	38.00	41.00	47.00	48.00	38.00	39.00
Bangalore	39.50	43.50	47.00	47.00	43.00	43.00
Trivendrum	51.00	51.00	N.R.	N.R.	50.00	48.00

SOURCE:—State Government Civil Supplies Department.

N.R.; Not Reported *:
Double Refined.

Ban on Movement of Hazardous Wastes

6. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all trans-boundary movement of hazardous wastes from the OECD to non-OECC countries destined for final disposal or recycling stand banned with effect from December 31, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that over 100 countries have now banned imports of all hazardous wastes including those for re-cycling and recovery; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction on the ban?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the decision II/12 adopted in the Second Meeting of the Conference of the parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal held in Geneva in March, 1994, all trans-boundary movement of hazardous wastes destined for final disposal from OECD to non-OECD countries stands prohibited with immediate effect and to phase outby December 31, 1997 all transboundary movement of hazardous wastes destined for recycling or recovery operations from the OECD to non-OECD countries. During the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties held during 18-22 September, 1995 this Decision was adopted as an Amendment to the Basel Convention with a proviso to emphasise that this would only pertain to those wastes that are characterised as hazardous under the Convention.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Technical Working Group of the Basel Convention which is involved in the hazard character-

isation of wastes subject to Basel Convention would also be evolving a list of wastes which are not subject to Basel Convention. The decision of the Government would depend upon the final list recommended by this Group.

Pension Scheme for E.P.F. Subscribers

7. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to introduce any pension scheme for the subscribers of Employees Provident Fund, throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) by when this scheme is likely to be introduced;

(d) whether any legal measure is necessary; and

(e) if so, by when such a bill is likely to come?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (e) The Government already framed and notified a Pension Scheme for the EPF subscribers w.e.f. 16/11/95. The Scheme inter-alia provides for payment ofmonthly pension in the contingencies of superannuation, retirement, death etc. Minimum 10 years contributory service is necessary for becoming entitled to pension. The amount of pension will be worked out on the basis of average pensionable salary of the last 12 months. The necessary Bill in this regard is already pending before the Rajya Sabha.

Scheme for Deemed Exports

8. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of treating certain categories of supplies of goods and services as Deemed Exports is showing results;

(b) if so, what has been the success rate of this scheme;

(c) whether Government intend to improve and modify this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Deemed Exports benefit has been extended to certain categories of supply of goods as listed in Paragraph 121 of the current Export and Import Policy. Supply of services, however, is not included in the Scheme.

The Scheme enables domestic suppliers to be more competitive and thereby provides them with more opportunities. A large number of such domestic suppliers have already benefitted under the Scheme.

(c) and (d) The scheme is under constant review and changes are made as and when need arises to further rationalise and steamline the Scheme.

Failure to Meet Export Obligations by EOUs

9. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several export oriented units in the country have failed to meet their export obligations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the DGFT propose to contemplate any penal action against such defaulting units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) According to available information, during the period 1993-94 to 1995-96, 134 cases have